

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/16, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that a dental services contract cannot restrict price that dental health services provider can charge for services unless insurer covers services. Sunsets measure on January 2, 2015. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of measure on consumers
- Impact of measure on dentists
- Potential antitrust issues for dentists
- Percentage of dentists who currently contract individually with insurance companies
- Need to of sunset the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Sunsets measure on January 2, 2015.

BACKGROUND: Nationally, a number of companies that sell dental benefit plans have required, as part of their contract with dentists, that these dentists give a discount for services to a plan enrollee for services not covered by the plan. House Bill 3665A prohibits dental service contracts from requiring a discount on an amount that a provider can charge an enrollee of the plan for noncovered services.